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Apologies if you already have this, just making sure everyone gets the latest.

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Please see below – ATSDR has issued their PFAS toxicological profile. Please see message below for use by the regions.

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Regional PADs,

As discussed on the weekly call yesterday, today ATSDR has issued a toxicological profile for PFAS, which is published in the Federal Register.

For inquiries related to this document, we ask that you provide the full statement below, which consists of a statement for attribution to EPA's Peter Grevatt, as well as background information on EPA's efforts around PFAS, including Administrator Pruitt's four actions announced at the PFAS National Leadership Summit.

You should provide this document to any reporters who inquire, and if a reporter has additional questions/wants more information, please refer them to [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov).

“Addressing Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is one of EPA’s top priorities and the agency is committed to continuing to participate in and contribute to a coordinated approach across the federal government. Federal agencies are developing a variety of tools, including toxicity values, analytical methods, and treatment options, that can work together to provide states, tribes, local governments, health professionals, and communities with information and solutions to address these chemicals. EPA looks forward to continuing to collaborate with ATSDR and all of our federal partners as we work together to protect public health.” - **Dr. Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water**

## **Background**

EPA’s efforts to provide national leadership on this critical issue include committing to take concrete action at the federal level that support our state, tribal, and local partners, and providing opportunities to engage with and hear from stakeholders. Last month, EPA held a National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. that brought together federal, state, tribal, and local partners. The agency is also planning to travel to communities across the country that are facing challenges associated with these chemicals, with the first community engagement event taking place in New Hampshire next week. Additional information: [www.epa.gov/PFAS](http://www.epa.gov/PFAS)

## **Four Actions EPA Administrator Pruitt Committed to take at the National Leadership Summit**

1. EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
2. EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as “hazardous substances” through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
3. EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
4. EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS.